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PATENT  
Docket No. GC816

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Aehle, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1639  
Serial No.: 10/688,255 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: October 16, 2003 )  
For: GENERATION OF STABILIZED PROTEINS )  
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Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 4.

An Appendix including the amended drawing figure is attached following page 4.

Amendments to the specification

In the specification after page 44, please insert the Sequence Listing on pages 1-24, enclosed herewith.